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THE DISTRICT'S WANTS.

BUSINESS SHAPED BY THE CITY-ENS' COMMITTEE.

Meeting of the Executive Committee Last Night—Report on the City Improvements—Exhibit of Taxation—Other Matters of Importance.

The office of Fitch & Fox was well filled last evening at the meeting of the executive committee of the District of Columbia. This committee is the exponent of the citizens, not the agents of the state, important matters. In business, there are no District interests in the world, practical form and upon Congress during the present session the desirability of its assuming one-half or fifty per cent, of the immense debt of the District, thereby reducing taxation and providing other beneficial results.

The meeting was called to order by the chairman, George W. Riggs, esq., John A. Baker, esq., acting as secretary.

Reports were then read from the committees on public schools, police, health, charity, taxation, District finances, legislation, river improvement, &c. The latter developed the fact that not a dollar had been expended by the Washington Improvement Society since the year and finished in 1875. In 1866-67 the canal between Anacostia and land and the Virginia shore was constructed, and in 1868 the Long Bridge was built. At present vessels of heavy draught cannot proceed directly from Washington to Georgetown, the high water level of the Potomac being the chief difficulty.

There is no port now used by the citizens of the District except the wharves on the Potomac, which is dangerous to navigation.

Respectfully submitted.

OUR PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD LAST EVENING.

Proposed Reorganization of the Board—Applications for Teacherships, Transfers, and Appointments—Annual School Report.

The regular meeting of the school board was held at the Franklin building last evening.

The committee on schools from the District Commissioners called attention to the report of Mr. St. Mark's Church, stating that the amount paid on account of the annual rental of the school corner of Third and A streets northeast was \$15,000. Referred to the Committee on Building and Repairs.

A communication from the same source asked for a statement of the supplies and materials needed during the year ending December 31, 1876.

Referred to the Committee on Supplies and Furniture, who recommended a sum of \$10,000.

After considerable debate his amendment was adopted and adopted in the following form:

The board shall appoint two superintendents, and each shall have charge of three years, and until his successor is appointed and qualified, unless sooner removed for cause.

ADVANCED GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

Mr. Lloyd offered a resolution that the Committee on Teachers report upon the practicability of employing a teacher in the advanced grammar school for two years. Referred to the Committee on Teachers.

Also a resolution that the proper committee consider a revision of the course of study in each grade of schools of the District is necessary. Referred to the Committee on Text Books.

The class announced by the National Education Association, Messrs. Browne, Beynon, Hovey, Ladd, Crandall, Davis and Brooks.

Finishing is to be made of the reports of the superintendent for the month of October: Whole number of pupils enrolled, 20,000—white, 12,000; colored, 8,000. Average number of pupils enrolled, 19,000. Number of teachers employed, 3,000; white schools, 242; colored schools, 129. Number of cases of fair times, 2,212—white schools, Washington, 1,000; colored schools, 1,212. Number of colored schools, Washington, 96; Georgetown, 6; County, 1,134; total, 1,228. Number of cases of corporal punishment, 164—white schools, 63; colored schools, 72. Number of pupils dismissed, 18,000; colored, 4.

THE ANNUAL SCHOOL REPORT.

At the meeting of the School Board last night, Superintendent Wilson also presented a letter from Mr. George E. Kestin, of the Central Commission, announcing that the certificate of award and medal decree to the Board of Education, Washington, D. C., had been forwarded.

The superintendent also exhibited the annual exhibit of the public schools was upon the law of Mr. Brooks, discharged.

The committee on text books reported adversely to the change proposed by the Board of Education.

The following report of the committee on taxation is herewith presented:

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